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Applications for the Missouri Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Grant are now available on the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) website. Missouri programmed \$3.5 million for Interoperable Communications from the FY'03 Homeland Security grant program. This grant is specifically targeted toward jurisdictions that have not received Homeland Security grants to set up the Regional Homeland Security Response Teams. The grant allows jurisdictions to purchase communication equipment in three distinct categories: **A separate grant application must be filled out for each category.**

Interoperable Communications Equipment. Items in this category include individual portable and mobile radios, software defined radios, portable repeaters, radio interconnect systems, satellite phones and associated hardware such as batteries, chargers and battery conditioning systems. In keeping with the FCC-imposed deadline to reduce bandwidth below 512MHz, only radios capable of channel bandwidths of 12.5 KHz will be considered. APCO Project 25 compliant radios are encouraged in those areas or regions where there is a current foreseeable digital system interface. The written grant proposal for the equipment must show how the proposed equipment will enhance interoperability with the local/regional interoperable communications plan. The goal is to insure that jurisdictions can communicate across disciplines and with other adjoining or responding jurisdictions.

Computer-aided dispatch systems, 911 systems and enhanced 911 systems.

Commercially available crisis management software for EOC management systems.

Jurisdictions that received the Law Enforcement Ensemble may apply if they did not receive previous Homeland Security grants. Jurisdictions in the one of the following categories **are not eligible**: FY 00/01, FY 02, FY 03 Parts 1 and 2, and UASI Recipients to include Kansas City and St. Louis City, and the adjoining counties and jurisdictions with a UASI mutual aid agreement.

For more information or if you are unable to access the website to download the application form, contact Ricky Presberry at (573) 526-9223 or Ricky.Presberry@sema.dps.mo.gov. Grant information and the application can be downloaded from SEMA's homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Jerry B. Uhlmann in cursive script.

Jerry B. Uhlmann
Director